

City of Blue Lake
City Council
Skinner Store – 111 Greenwood Ave., Blue Lake, CA
April 26, 2016
MINUTES

The Meeting call to order at 7:05 p.m.

Councilmembers Present: Adelene Jones, John Sawatzky, Michele McCall-Wallace, Jean Lynch, Stephen Kullmann

Councilmembers Absent: None

Staff Present: City Manager Amanda Mager, Planning Commission Secretary Cheryl Gunderson (Temporary Recorder of Minutes)

Motion to Approve the Agenda

Councilmember Kullmann *motioned to approve the agenda after moving items 4, 5, 10, 9, 11, and 14e from the Consent Calendar, in that order, followed numerically by the remaining items on the agenda.* Councilmember Sawatzky seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Input

Scott Oberlies, Blue Lake resident commented about the unavailability of Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) financing in the City of Blue Lake. He requested for the City to sign up for PACE so residents can apply. The Council responded that it is on the Council's next agenda.

Don Bettendorf discussed the leasing of solar cells, homeless problems and dangerous dogs being walked off leash. Council responded that the homeless issues will be addressed later in the agenda and that any incidents relating to the dogs be reported.

Proclamation for Municipal Clerks Week – May 1 – 7, 2016

Councilmember Jones *motioned to accept the Proclamation to recognize the week of May 1 through May 7, 2016 as Municipal Clerks Week, and further extend appreciation to their municipal clerk, and to all municipal clerks for the vital services they perform and their exemplary dedication to the communities they represent.* Councilmember Sawatzky seconded. The motion carried. The Proclamation was received by Karen Nessler, former Blue Lake City Clerk.

Appointment to Parks and Recreation Commission to Fill Vacancy of Term Ending January 30, 2017

Council asked question of applicant, Darci Lima. After some discussion, Ms. Lima withdrew her application. The Councilmembers thanked her for her interest and service in Blue Lake, and encouraged her to apply at a later date.

Discussion regarding Budget Priorities for Direction to City Manager, including Recommendations from Budget Sub-committee

The Budget sub-committee, consisting of Councilmembers Sawatzky and Lynch, presented their findings on potential budget revisions and reductions for the 2016/2017 Budget Year. The priorities discussed by the Council were public safety, strategy to replace reserves and cleanliness of city. The sub-committee was disbanded. City Manager Mager welcomed the individual Councilmembers input.

Discussion Regarding Homeless Camps and Transient Issues

Councilmember Kullmann discussed the impacts to Blue Lake's citizens, including water quality, fire threats, violence and theft. The Councilmembers discussed possible courses of action. Supervisor Mark Lovelace requested a Councilmember and City Manager to work with him. *Councilmember Jones motioned to appoint a sub-committee of Councilmembers John Sawatzky and Stephen Kullmann to work with City Manager Mager, Supervisor Lovelace and various agencies to deal with homeless issues.* Councilmember Kullmann seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion Regarding Contract Negotiations with the Humboldt County Sheriff Department

Mayor McCall-Wallace presented the options available to Blue Lake for the contract with the Sheriff Department. The Council discussed the negotiation points on a three-year contract versus a non-negotiable one-year contract. *Councilmember Kullmann motioned to appoint a sub-committee of Mayor Wallace and City Manager Magar to negotiate and report back to Council.* Councilmember Jones seconded. Motion carried.

Waiver of Conflict of Interest with the City of Blue Lake Concerning Blue Lake Power

City Attorney Nancy Diamond discussed the conflict of interest between the City of Blue Lake and the Air District, which she also represents, due to the overlapping Blue Lake Power issues. She presented two options to the Council, either replacing her with another attorney on Blue Lake Power issues, or to accept a Waiver of Conflict of Interest. *Councilmember Jones motioned to not sign the Waiver of Conflict of Interest by Nancy Diamond with the City of Blue Lake concerning Blue Lake Power and to work with the mayor to seek another attorney and retain other council.* Councilmember Kullmann seconded. The motion carried with the following votes:

Ayes:	Jones, Lynch, Kullmann
Nays:	Sawatzky, McCall-Wallace
Abstain:	None

Approval of Minutes from April 12, 2016

Councilmember Kullmann motioned to approve the City Council minutes for April 12, 2016. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sawatzky. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Councilmember Kullmann motioned to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of item e, which was pulled from the Consent Agenda and discussed separately. Councilmember Sawatzky seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Councilmember Jones motioned to postpone Agenda Items 6, 7, 8 and 12 to the May 10, 2016 meeting due to the lateness of the Council meeting. Councilmember Sawatzky seconded. Motion carried.

Informational Only Items

The Humboldt County Association of Governments (HCAOG) and Humboldt Waste Management Authority (HWMA) were presented to the Council.

Reports of Council and Staff

Financial Audit for the year 2014/15 Update

The delay in the Audit is due to new Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) regulations regarding Public Employment Retirement System (PERS) calculations. The reports should be finished within the week.

Councilmember Jones is the liaison with the Chamber of Commerce and gave an update on their activities. She also reported that the HWMA PowerPoint on the 2016/17 budget looks good.

Councilmember Lynch reported that finding a larger venue was the topic at the Redwood Coast Energy Authority (RCEA) meeting.

Councilmember Sawatzky reported on the HCOAG meeting. They discussed alternatives to the gas tax. He also reported that College of the Redwoods asked for strategic planning for marijuana cultivation at the Redwood Region Economic Development Commission (RREDC) meeting.

Councilmember Kullmann reported that homeless camps clean up was discussed at the Mad River Alliance meeting.

Mayor McCall-Wallace noted that any change in fees, etc. needs to be approved by the City Council at a City Council meeting.

She also presented a letter from Chris Woody rescinding his resignation from the Public Safety Commission. She requested the City Attorney's advice on how this should be handled. City Attorney Nancy Diamond answered that since the position has been posted, Chris may be reappointed if he reapplies for the position. He may attend but not vote at the next Public Safety Commission meeting.

Future Agenda Items

None

Correspondence

None

Motion to Adjourn

Councilmember Kullmann motioned to adjourn. Councilmember Sawatzky seconded. The motion carried. The Meeting adjourned t 10:05 p.m.

Cheryl Gunderson

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